

DO YOU KNOW WHY BASEBALL GRIPS FOLKS?  
THERE IS AN EXPLANATION INSIDE

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## ***\$25,000,000 SHOE TRUST TRIES STRONGARM METHODS TO STOP LOW WAGE PROBE***

**Packs Session of Senate Commission With Hirelings,  
Who Throw Snuff in Faces of Senators—The Story  
of Ella Morris, Shoe Trust Slave.**

Within the very shadow of the Capitol, Big Business last night attempted to intimidate and threaten a Senate commission, sitting under the authority of the people of Illinois.

The hangers-on of Big Business packed the session of the O'Hara low wages commission held in the Leland Hotel.

Led by two of Springfield's most prominent criminal attorneys, these hangers-on of Big Business tried to break up the session of the commission.

Every statement by Lieut.-Gov. O'Hara or one of the senators was jeered and hissed.

Every interruption of the two attorneys was cheered wildly to the accompaniment of stamping feet.

When Bill Alexander, foreman of the International Shoe Company (the trust), took the stand someone scattered Chinese snuff into the air.

When the members of the commission were forced to sneeze, Bill Alexander sneered at them and openly guffawed. The hangers-on of Big Business cheered,

Springfield, the capital city of the second state in the union, never saw such disgraceful scenes as were last night's.

Big Business never so openly showed its curious mixture of defiance of the people.

And while the cheap hirelings of Big Business were trying to break up the senate commission's meeting, the Springfield newspapers were openly boasting that they were going "to get" Lieut.-Gov. O'Hara because he had dared to show up Big Business.

Their method of "getting" O'Hara has been made clear in the last few days. They are sending lying stories out of Springfield, and in Springfield they are doing worse than lying, for they are publishing quarter truths.

The reason for Big Business' desperate attempt to crush the O'Hara commission was plain enough in the pitiful stories the underpaid workers of the shoe trust told the commission last night.

For, after all, Big Business failed in its attempt to break up the commission meeting. Lieut.-Gov. O'Hara called the police and had Arthur M.